



Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program

Regional Resilience Grant

The Regional Resilience Grant Program (RRGP) is a new grant program that funds planning and implementation projects that strengthen climate change resilience at a regional scale. The RRGF funds projects led by partnerships that involve multiple jurisdictions working together to address the most significant climate change risks in their regions, especially in communities that are most vulnerable to climate change impacts. These impacts could include wildfires, rising sea levels, droughts, floods, increasing temperatures, and extreme heat events.

The RRGF helps regional partnerships meet their regions' specific climate resilience needs



WHAT DOES THE RRGP FUND?

The RRGP funds two project types: planning and implementation. All projects must have a regional focus and support communities most vulnerable to climate change. The RRGP can fund a variety of projects and gives each regional partnership flexibility to propose projects that best meet its region's specific climate resilience needs.

PLANNING GRANTS

Planning Grants are for applicants who want to involve their community in studying and determining how to address climate risks in their region. Funds can be used to assess regional climate risks, create regional plans for resilience, prepare for implementation, and more.

IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

Implementation Grants are for applicants who already know some of the steps they need to take to address the climate risks in their region. Funds can be used for physical projects like infrastructure or non-physical projects like programs or processes that reduce climate risk.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE RRGP?

California Native American tribes, public entities, community-based organizations (CBOs), and academic institutions are eligible to apply for RRGP funding if they form partnerships that involve two or more jurisdictions. To ensure each partnership is well prepared to serve the communities most vulnerable to climate change, RRGP has partnership requirements:

- » **California Native American tribes** should apply with at least one California Native American tribe or public entity.
- » **Public entities** should apply with at least one CBO. Additionally, they should apply with at least one California Native American tribe or another public entity from a different jurisdiction than the one the public entity represents

- » **Community-based organizations (CBOs)** should apply with at least two entities representing different jurisdictions from each other. This partnership should include at least one public entity or California Native American tribe.
- » **Academic institutions** should apply with at least one CBO. Additionally, they should apply with at least two entities representing different jurisdictions from each other. This partnership should include at least one public entity or California Native American tribe.

WHAT IS THE AWARD AMOUNT?

The Budget of Act of 2021 made \$25 million available for this program. The 2023-2024 Budget is expected to allocate an additional \$25 million to the RRGP, for a total of \$50 million to support the RRGP. The RRGP will allocate a minimum of 51% of grant funds to projects that directly benefit disadvantaged communities. Additionally, at least 10% of the funds will go to supporting California Native American tribes. The funding range for planning projects is \$150,000 to \$650,000. The funding range for implementation projects is \$650,000 to \$3,000,000.

HOW DOES THE RRGP DEFINE A REGION?

Applicants can self-identify their project's region as any area of California that is supported by multiple jurisdictions, has shared infrastructure or natural systems, and has shared highest priority climate risks.

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